



RCE / 1743
Atty. Dkt. No. 065691-0201

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Patrick COHEN et al.

Title: AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR DISPENSING SAMPLES IN LIQUID MEDIUM FOR USE IN CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL REACTIONS

Appl. No.: 09/646,668

Filing Date: September 20, 2000

Examiner: E. Quan

Art Unit: 1743

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141 or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

Please consider the enclosed Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 31, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed November 26, 2003.

Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on _____.

[] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on _____ but not considered.

[] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.

The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee			\$770.00	\$770.00
1.17(e)				
Total Claims: <u>20</u>	- <u>20</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$18.00 =	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independents: <u>4</u>	- <u>4</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$86.00 =	<u>\$0.00</u>
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ \$290.00 =	<u>\$0.00</u>
			CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: =	<u>\$770.00</u>

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
[X] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	<u>\$420.00</u>
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
SUBTRACT PREVIOUS EXTENSION FEE		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		<u>\$420.00</u>
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		<u>\$1190.00</u>
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		<u>\$1190.00</u>

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1190.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$1190.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Dec. 29, 2003

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